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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO UN DEBATE ON NAMIBIA

1. JANUARY 29 ARGUS WELCOMED PROPOSAL MADE BY AMB BOTHA
THAT UN TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTION OF RUACANA AND
CALUEQUE AREA, NOTING IDEA, 'MIGHT APPEAL MORE TO THE WORLD
BODY, ESPECIALLY THOSE WESTERN COUNTRIES WHO MAY STILL
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BELIEVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY OUTSIDE THEIR OWN BORDERS AND

IN THEIR OWN LIMITED SELF INTEREST'. PAPER SAYS IT IS
PEOPLE OF ANGOLA AND OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA WHO STAND TO BENEFIT
FROM THE SCHEME, WHICH IS OF NO BENEFIT AT ALL TO
SOUTH AFRICA. MOREOVER IF UN TOOK OVER RESPONSIBILITY,
IT WOULD ENABLE SOUTH AFRICA TO WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM
ANGOLA.

2. UN SHOULD ALSO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFUGEES
LOCATED IN CAMPS IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA PRESENTLY SUPPORTED
BY SOUTH AFRICA, SAY ARGUS, ALTHOUGH IT MAY NOT BE
PREPARED TO DO SO, WHICH WOULD MEAN DISASTER FOR REFUGEES
IF SAG DEPARTS.

3. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT LEADER OF WHITE DELEGATION
TO NAMIBIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE, DU PLESSIS,
REMARKED THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE
PRESENCE OF A UN OBSERVER AT THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WOULD
PROBABLY BE HELPFUL IN ESTABLISHING CREDIBILITY FOR WHAT
IS BEING DONE THERE.

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